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practice are loyally accepted within the precincts of the House. Ordinary rules of Parliamentary practice require that all rulings by the Chair should be accepted without question ; otherwise, it is impossible for such Parliamentary bodies to get on. If the rulings, as such, of the President, are objected to and walk-outs are started as protest against rulings, it would be impossible to maintain decorum and order in this House consistently with the traditions of Parliamentary practice.

This matter has arisen not only in the Parliament but also in the Legislative Assembly ; and definite rulings are available to show the very clear distinction between rulings of the Chairman and statements by persons representing or purporting to speak on behalf of the Government. As such distinction might not have been before the minds of the Honourable members when they staged the walk-out yesterday, I want to make it clear. I trust that hereafter, for the purpose of observing the rules which all of us cherish so much, and for the purpose of maintaining the diginity of the House which I know every one of us wishes to maintain, the rulings of the Chair will be obeyed without a protest or walk-out.

AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDERS.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : I beg to move that, in view of the report of the Select Committee, the matter need not be proceeded with further and may be recorded as such, and that we pass on to the next item of business on the agenda.

MR. R. KRISHNASWAMI ROW : I second it.

PRESIDENT : The Select Committee has come to the practically unanimous conclusion that the present sitting hours of the Assembly may continue. In those circumstances, the Legal Remembrancer moves that we pass on to the next item in the order of business

The motion was put to vote and carried.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WIDOWS REMARRIAGE BILL.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA : I beg to move that the Travancore Hindu Widow Remarriage Bill as amended and passed by the Sri Chitra State Council be taken up for consideration.

The amendment that they have made is to the following effect :

"Add the following as explanation to clause (1) :

"Unless there be anything repugnant in the text, the term "Hindu" means any person governed by Hindu Law."

MR. M. RAMAIAH PILLAI : I second it.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : Under Rule 46 the President has to put the amendment to the vote of this Chamber. Now that the amendment has been carried, the Bill as amended has been accepted by this Chamber ; and a message that this House has passed the Bill as

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